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In re application of

ATTN: BOX MISSING PARTS

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IMAGE DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE
DECODING METHOD, AND PROGRAM
STORAGE MEDIUM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Kindly amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 25 on page 21, please insert the following:

Figure 14(a) is a diagram illustrating coded image data of plural image sequences, and
figure 14(b) is a diagram illustrating a video stream in which the coded image data are
multiplexed.